(c) Training will give the employee skill, knowledge and behavioural inputs and better equip him to discharge his duty both for the present work and at subsequent stages of his career.

Premises owned by Missions Abroad

289. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of officers of our missions abroad having their own premises;

(b) the number of offices of our missions abroad having the premises on rent;

(c) the total annual rent paid by the missions; and

(d) whether there is any plan to build up our own premises for the missions abroad; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (PROF. K. K. TEWARI): (a) 48 (forty eight) Chanceries are housed in Government-owned premises.

(b) 92 (ninetytwo) offices are in rented premises.

(c) The up-to-date information is being complied and will be placed on the Table of the House.

(d) Yes Sir. The details are as per the enclosed statement.

Statement

Details of Plans to build up our own Premises for the Missions abroad

The Ministry has already approved construction of our own premises for the following missions.

1.	Lagos (Nigeria)	Chancery, residences for officers/staff members.
2.	Kuwait	Chancery, Ambassador's residence. residences for officer's/staff members.
3.	Riyadh (Saudi Arabia)	Chancery, Ambassador's residence, residences for officers/ staff members.
4.	New York (USA)	Chancery and residences for officers/staff members.
5.	Dubai (UAE)	Chancery, C.G. residence.
6.	Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia)	Chancery, residences for officers/staff members.
7.	London (UK)	Residences for officers/staff members and cultural centre.

The construction of our own premises in the following countries are under consideration of the Ministry:—

1.	Doha (Qatar)	Chancery, Ambassador residence.
2.	Aden (PDYR)	Chancery, Ambassador residence.
3.	Bonn (FRG)	Residences for officers and staff members
4.	Brasillia (Brazil)	Chancery, Ambassador residence.
5.	Abu Dhabi (UAE)	Chancery, Ambassador residence.
6.	Kabul (Afganistan)	Chancery, cultural & sports centre and residences for officers & staff members.

7.	Islamabad (Pakistan) Phase II . . .	Ambassador residence and residences for officers/staff members.
8.	Kathmandu (Nepal)	Chancery and residences for officers/staff members.
9.	Dar-es-salam (Tanzania)	Chancery, residences for officers and staff members.
10.	Beijing (China)	Chancery and residences for officers and staff members.
11.	Warsaw (Poland)	Chancery and residences for officers and staff members.

Sino-Indian Border Talks

290. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether China has expressed a desire for raising the level of Sino-Indian border talks from official to political level; if so, what is India's response in this regard;

(b) whether Government are considering taking any initiative to finding out a solution of the border dispute, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether there is any move for his visit to Beijing and of the Chinese Foreign Minister to New Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) No such proposal has been made to the Government by the Chinese Government.

(b) Apart from the talks between the two countries, there is no further initiative.

(c) No, Sir.

Ocean Development in India

291. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 414 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th April, 1988 and state:

(a) whether existing policy of Government on Ocean Development envisages any explorable economic gain for the country both on short-term as well as long-term basis;

(b) whether the volume of concentrations of useful minerals in already explored sea zones has been assessed during the last three years and any programme conceived for its exploitation in accordance with the socio-economic needs of our country, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, by when Government propose to do such exercise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) The major programmes of the Department of Ocean Development like survey and exploration of living and non-living resources within the Exclusive Economic Zone, survey and exploration of deep seabed for polymetallic nodules, Antarctic research and exploration of the renewable sources of energy from waves envisage considerable socio-economic gains for the country on a long term basis. Already, there have been tengible gains in the production and export of sea food and the exploitation of placer deposits for minerals such as, ilmenite, monazite, rutile, etc.

(b) and (c) Although it has not yet been possible to make any accurate estimates of the concentration of many useful minerals in the sea, there are indications of the occurrence of phosphorite, manganese nodules, polymetallic sulphides and several other types of deposits in the sea. A time bound programme has been conce-